

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA)
Notice of Water Discharge Permit Public Hearing
NPDES General Permit ILM580

General Permit for CSO Municipalities Tributary to TARP
Cook County

Public Hearing
Thursday, August 10, 2017 at 2:00 pm

JAMES R THOMPSON CENTER
Room Number 2-025
100 West Randolph Street
Chicago, Illinois 60601

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) has made a tentative determination to reissue the NPDES General Permit for communities tributary to the Tunnel and Reservoir Plan (TARP) and has prepared a draft permit. Discharges from combined sewer overflows (CSOs) which are owned by municipalities in the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRDGC) TARP service area may be authorized to discharge into General Use, Secondary Contact and Indigenous Aquatic Life Standard Use, Primary Contact Recreation Use, and Incidental Contact Recreation Use Waters of the State, or into stormwater conveyances tributary to such surface waters.

This NPDES General Permit is intended to ensure that discharges from CSOs tributary to TARP, in conjunction with MWRDGC NPDES permits, collectively comply with the requirements of the federal CSO Control Policy of 1994, as incorporated into the federal Clean Water Act. The Illinois EPA is holding a hearing to accept comments from the public on the proposed reissuance of this permit prior to making a final decision regarding issuance. A tentative determination to issue this NPDES General Permit in accordance with 35 Illinois Adm. Code Subtitle C (Water Pollution), the Illinois Environmental Protection Act and the federal Clean Water Act has been made. The draft General NPDES Permit and the public notice/fact sheet were made available on October 21, 2016 and online. It may be necessary to cut and paste the following address into the window of your browser:

<https://external.epa.illinois.gov/PublicNoticeService/api/Notices/GetDocument/996>.

The draft permit, public notice/fact sheet, the regulations governing the conduct of the hearing and other documents can be reviewed and copied at the Illinois EPA, 1021 N. Grand Avenue East, Springfield, Illinois; 217-782-0610. Please call ahead for an appointment.

For information or requests about the draft permit, please contact: Barb Lieberoff, Office of Community Relations, Illinois EPA, 1021 N. Grand Ave. East, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, IL 62794-9276, 217/524-3038 or by email at barb.lieberoff@illinois.gov.

The hearing will be conducted under 35 Illinois Adm. Code 166, Subpart A in accordance with provisions of 35 Illinois Adm. Code 309.115 through 309.119. **Requests for special needs interpreters must be made to the Illinois EPA hearing officer by July 14, 2017.** Those desiring to make oral comments at the hearing are asked to be present in the hearing room at the start of the hearing. The hearing will adjourn after everyone has had the opportunity to speak, or 5:00 p.m., whichever comes first.

The hearing record is a file containing the hearing transcript and written comments. **Written comments must be physically received by September 11, 2017; mailed comments must be postmarked in sufficient time to arrive at Illinois EPA by September 11, 2017 when the hearing record closes.**

E-mails with written comments must be sent to epa.publichearingcom@illinois.gov and should specify **General Permit for CSO Discharges or ILM580 in the subject line.** Email comments originating on third party systems or servers intended for submittal of multiple emails of the same, or nearly the same, content will not be accepted without prior approval from the hearing officer. Comments need not be notarized and should be sent to:

Hearing Officer Dean Studer, Mail Code #5

Re: General Permit for CSO Discharges

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Concerns regarding procedures for this hearing (NOT comments on the permit) can be emailed to the hearing officer at dean.studer@illinois.gov.